

Belt Line Road Church of Christ

“...churches of Christ salute you” (Rom 16:16)
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Schedule of Services

Sunday:
Bible Class.....9:00 a.m.
AM Worship...10:00 a.m.
PM Worship.... 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday:
Bible Study.... 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday:
Ladies' Bible Class..Sep.-Apr.
*See page 4 for current meeting time.

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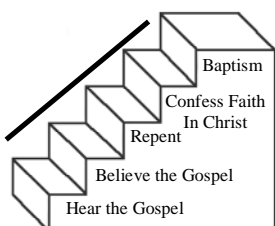
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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

Hear-Romans 10:17
Believe-John 8:24
Repent-Acts 17:30
Confess-Romans 10:10
Be Baptized-Acts 22:16
Saved - in Christ (Galatians 3:27)



Peace That Passes Understanding

Don Hatch

Peace is freedom from conditions which foster disturbances from without or within. Those who bring war's desolation, or soul's weariness, destroy peace. Peace commonly implies soundness, health, prosperity, well-being and in general a good relationship with man and God. When wars rage peace is a rare blessing. The welfare of citizens who are faced with stark circumstances during wars contrast peace and lack of tranquility. When the ability to prosper is deterred peace is allusive.

Shalom [peace] is a term made use of to display friendliness and concern. It is used to question another about their health or bid them farewell (Gen 29:6). Terms like, "is it well with you", "peace be unto you" are endearing remarks used as salutations (Gen 43:23, 27; 18:15; Jdg 19:20). **Shalom** is a tender greeting which demonstrates the desire of a person asking God to bless another (Psm 29:11; Lev 26:6, 7; Nu 6:26). Inward peace comes from trusting God and living righteously (Job 22:21). Those who have the ability to bestow peace to another are "people of peace" (Psm 119:165; Prov 3:2, 17). God keeps individual's minds and hearts, giving them peace because they trust Him (Mal 2:5). Such trust brings inward and outward tranquility. Peace is to be sought and followed in righteousness (Psm 34:14; Zech 8:15-17). The New Testament employs "*eirene*" [Greek εἰρενῆ *peace*] which covers health, prosperity, security, friendship and salvation. It is a desired experience for individuals. It is present because of God's presence and divine providence. Peace in an individual's life is a wholeness and wholesomeness (Lk 19:42).

Peace is the message of the gospel (Lk 2:14). Teachers and preachers spoke of peace with God through Jesus Christ (Rom 5:1-11; 10:15). Nations learned of peace in Christ (Eph 2:11-23; Rom 14:7). Peace is an essential element to be cherished by disciples (Mk 9:50). Christians live in peace (2 Cor 13:11; Rom 12:18; 1 Cor 7:15). God is the author of peace and love (Rom 15:33; 16:20, 21; 2 Thes 3:16). New Testament writers often employed "peace" as a common apostolic wish for the brethren (1 Cor 1:3; 2 Cor 1:3). Jesus used the term with His disciples wishing them peace (Lk 24:36; Jn 20:19-26; Jn 14:27). The primary peace from

Jesus was spiritual peace as a disposition of the heart and soul.

The kingdom of Christ is a place of peace (Mat 5:38-48). The gift of salvation pledged that those in the kingdom would know a peace that passed understanding (Phil 4:7). Division and schisms are destroyers of peace in Christ's kingdom. It is the Christian's duty to keep the peace which ultimately represents the spirit of the gospel (Mk 9:50). Jesus said, "Blessed is the peacemaker: for they will be called the sons of God" (Mat 5:9).

Peacemaking is often costly to those who seek it (Mat 10:33-37). Peacemaking summoned a cross for Jesus and involves a cross for the disciple. According to the New Testament no cost is too great when seeking to effect a peace between others and God. It is a privilege to act on behalf of another in regard to establishing a peace between them and God. Peace comes to those who live a worthy life. Jesus came to provide peace on earth and good will to men (Lk 2:14). Peace came to those who were willing to surrender to the majesty of God. Ironically the "city of peace", Jerusalem, did not find peace. The blessing of being in God's family was a response to no longer being at odds with God. The early church model was Jew and Gentile learning to live with one another (Gal 3:27; Col 3:12-17). Religious beliefs and practices seek to address the basic human problem of overcoming conflicts between, among and within persons and societies. All are to be healed of practicing evil and malice in the kingdom. Those who enter the kingdom develop a desire to see humility become a daily practice (Mat 11:28-30). The conscience which has been interrogated before baptism will seek a route of wanting to continually be at peace (1 Pet 3:21). Peace is a mental attitude and Christian way of life. Peace describes results from a correct response to God's grace.

Christ broke down all barriers between believers and abolished all enmity that He might create of the two [Jew and Gentile] one new man, so making peace (Eph 2:11-23). The peace of Christ is a spiritual peace resident within the heart and mind. "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from henceforth even forever. The zeal of Jehovah of hosts will perform this" (Isa 9:1-7). "If it be possible, as much as in you lieth, be at peace with all men" (Rom 12:18).

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

In just two weeks we start our Wednesday evening Summertime Gospel Preaching with selected speakers. This summer's lessons will be on the subject of "GIVE ME THE BIBLE". The summer series is like an extended Gospel Meeting that happens over a period of time. Now, as it is with a four day Gospel Meeting, we have to be present to gain the most from it. Our goals and wishes will not be met with only Sunday evening and Wednesday evening regular's attending. The Gospel is for all. That means everyone!

Are those that are closest to you close to God? Have we made proper plans to spend an eternal home in Heaven? Are we maintaining an active position to inherit an eternal home in Heaven? These are important questions we should address each day of our life.

Belt Line Road is a congregation where growth spiritually and numerically should be occurring. Truth is preached and taught every time we come together as a body of believers. The entire family is to be commended for their love of God's word and striving to keep his commandments. We have many great works taking place that build up the brethren, and that reach out to those who have not surrendered their lives to Christ. Our preacher is one of the most dedicated preachers in the brotherhood. Always straight forward lessons of truth from God's word preached in a simple and understanding way. Our teachers are truly dedicated servants working in God's Kingdom. The messages you hear from them will be truth taught from God's word. Belt Line Road is a family that any loving person ought to want to be in.

Our mission printing program continues to excel in preparing materials for Christians and non-Christians alike, to be shipped throughout the world. In a time when so many congregations are preaching and teaching those things that tickle ears and soothe consciences of the unrepentant, we must stand tall for the Lord and speak His Word as it is truly revealed. "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables" (2 Tim. 4:2-4). Everyone that possibly can ought to assemble with the saints at every meeting time. You are missed when you are not present, and you will miss being fellowshiped. Read Matt. 16:26, 27

Remember to pray for those that are sick and shut-in! Have a great week serving God!

Dean Webb

Wisdom is as good as an inheritance; yea, more excellent is it for them that see the sun. For wisdom is a defence, even as money is a defence; but the excellency of knowledge is, that wisdom preserveth the life of him that hath it. Consider the work of God: for who can make that straight, which he hath made crooked? In the day of prosperity be joyful, and in the day of adversity consider; yea, God hath made the one side by side with the other, to the end that man should not find out anything that shall be after him (Eccl 7:11-14).

Peculiar People Of God

Identifying Christians as "peculiar" set them apart from others as a "flock" or a "people for God's own possession" (1 Pet 2:9; Jn 10). Christians are the possession of God. God formed Christians into a unit of faithful followers (Isa 43:21). Belonging to God is a statement describing a wholesome relationship of great value. Belonging to a special group is wonderful when they are the eternal family of God and in due course will live with Him forever (1 Tim 3:14-16). It means, of course, that all have the special object of loving Him and serving Him faithfully because all they are the center of His love. We live consistent with His will. We are not like the people of the world. We are more than different, we are one of a kind. We live to His glory pledging to praise Him in spirit and truth. The redeemed have an earnest of their inheritance to prove they are the possession of God wherein is a promise of His glory (Eph 1:14, 15).

During the course of history terms have been attached to the church which are not true. A broad term which includes doctrine, liturgy, ethics and spiritual quality referring to the division which arose in the 4th century AD is **Catholicism**. It is a term for "world-wide". The Roman Catholic Church and the Greek Orthodox Catholic Church are both called Catholic. The Bible church was never called Catholic. Hence, the church of Christ is not Catholic.

The Protestant Reformation of the 16th century was a schism within Western Christianity initiated by Luther, Calvin and early Protestants against the Catholic Church. The Reformation began with an attempt to reform the Roman Catholic Church by priests. These priests perceived that false doctrine, including indulgences (selling the remission of temporal sins and punishment due to the guilt) and simony (the sale of church offices). Reformers saw a systematic corruption of the hierarchy, including the Pope. The spread of the Renaissance idea and the printing press contributed to this division. The reformers soon began to disagree and were divided along doctrinal lines. Different rivaling groups gave rise to national religious groups. Of these groups the Lutheran was the largest. Later came the Reformed, Puritans, Presbyterians and Anglicans. Older protestant churches dated from the 15th century (Bohemian, Basel Compact). The church of Christ's doctrine is derived from the Bible only. Churches of Christ are not Protestant Denominations.

The governments of the various churches have been developed from ideas which men thought would be better suited for governing many congregations who fellowship together because of **creeds** which they had written for this fellowship. These became Presbyterians and Episcopalians. Creeds abound. The church of Christ has only one government and it is uniquely derived from the Bible which is for local autonomously governed congregations.

The Jewish faith is a foundational belief and the Old Testament is praiseworthy. Our ancient roots come from the Old Testament which was fulfilled, taken out of the way and nailed to the Cross (Mat 5:17-20; Col 2:8-15). The church of Christ is multi-national (Jew, Gentile). Early in church history Jews were the first converts, but Gentiles followed (Gal 3:27).

The church of Christ is neither Catholic, Protestant, nor Jewish. The New Testament alone is her guide and as peculiar people of God she cannot wear such titles, nor tolerate teachings or creeds from men.

Don Hatch

Family News:

News at Belt Line.
Call in your information to the office at:
972-790-8606 by Sunday evening.

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

May 26, 2013

Front foyer: Henry Seidmeyer & Myrtle Wade

Back foyer: Robert & Cathy Taylor

June 2, 2013

Front foyer: Bill & Linda Matthews

Back foyer: Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

Sermon Titles

May 26, 2013

a.m: "A Show Of Wisdom"

Scripture: Col. 2:20-23

p.m: "Lay Up Wisdom"

Scripture: Prov. 2:1-8

June 2, 2013

a.m: "Satan Hindered"

Scripture: 1 Thes. 2:17-23

p.m: "Striving After The Wind"

Scripture: Eccl. 1:12-17

Contribution Counters For May

Mike Batot & Darrell Allen

Communion Preparation For May

Darrell & Melissa Allen

MISSION PRINTING

Mission Printing will meet **Sunday** at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr. Auditorium to collate booklets.

SINGING CLASS

The singing class will meet **Sunday** in Rm #116 at 5:15 p.m. Come and learn some new songs.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Bobby Bowen, Fauna Garrett, Frances LaFerney, Jan Smithson, Hank Henry, Elsie Nanney, Laquita Baker, Roy & Helen Thomas, Tim Fowler, Marietta Houser, Thomas West, Mary Walker, Billie Myers, Shelia Martin, Andrew Waldrum, Jane Easter, Gearldean Jones, Juanita Melton, Marcella Porter

Those In Need Of Prayer

·**Don Lewis** is now at home from the hospital.

·**Serena Jacob** is continuing to have health issues. Please keep her in your prayers.

·**Jerry Grantham** has something wrong with her liver. They are waiting on test results.

·**Tim Fowler** is in Intensive Care # 4 - 2nd floor – Baylor, Irving

·**Denzil Myers** is having joint pain in his neck & legs.

·**Charlene Carroll** is suffering with the shingles.

·**Bill Matthews** has a bladder infection.

·**Henry Seidmeyer** will be having surgery on Thursday, May 23rd. Please keep him in your prayers.

SUMMER CAMP

Junior Camp – June 30 – July 4.

Senior Camp – July 14 – July 19.

Registration forms must be submitted by the end of this week. If you have any questions, contact Jerry McKey or Don Hatch.

TEACHERS

The new quarter is approaching on **Sunday, June 2** and **Wednesday night, June 5**.

SUMMER SERIES

Our Wednesday night summer series will begin on **June 5th** at 7:30 p.m.

There are brochures advertising our summer series in both foyers. Please pick up what you want and pass them out to friends and neighbors.

CONGRATULATIONS

Everyone is invited to **Nathan Allen's** graduation on June 8, 2013 at 8:00 am at Potter's House (information on bulletin board).

You are also invited to a come and go party on June 8, 2013 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm for **Nathan Allen** at the church annex.

CONGRATULATIONS

Leo and Carol Townsend are the proud great grandparents of **Aubrey Grace**. She weighed in at 6 lbs. 6 oz. on May 16, 2013.

SYMPATHY

Marvin Brown (former member) passed away yesterday. Services are pending at this time.

Roy Conner is a student at **Brown Trail School of Preaching** and sent this: Dear Brethren, Well another month has come to an end and we are about halfway through this quarter. My family and I will never be able to thank you enough for what you do for us by allowing us to focus on school and more importantly the word of God. **Grades:** I made **A's** and **A+'s** in my courses.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY BIRTHDAY'S

Cindy Vaughn – 5/2
 Jeremy Hardegree – 5/7
 Carol Townsend – 5/7
 Kassie Price – 5/13
 Kati Mimms – 5/13
 Bobby Garrett – 5/14
 Jerry McKey – 5/14
 Janice Daniel – 5/16
 Bill Paschall – 5/19
 Samantha Howard – 5/20
 Myrtle Wade – 5/21
 Margaret Lewis – 5/26
 Polly Roses – 5/30
 Toby Howard – 5/31

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Bobby & Tiffany Garrett – 5/6
 Hank & Becky Henry – 5/7
 Don & Anne Herriage – 5/18
 Don & Joann Hatch – 5/19
 Dean & Joy Webb – 5/23
 J.C. & Dessie Ross – 5/31

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,
 Please contact Mike Batot at:
 (972)741-2397*

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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

<u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u>		5/26/13	<u>SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		· Dean Webb
·Scot Allen	·Bill Paschall		· Richard Renfro
·Mike Garrison	·Dale Cox		· Jerry McKey
·Bobby England	·J.C. Ross		
·Dorris Walker	·Robert Taylor		<u>A.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
·Robert Ruckman			· John Mayer
·Don Herriage			Col. 2:20-23
			<u>SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS</u>
<u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u>			· Thomas Rathbun
·Steven Grossheusch			· Robert Ruckman
·Henry Seidmeyer			<u>P.M. SCRIPTURE READING</u>
<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>			· Glen Kelly
·Glen Kelly			Proverbs 2:1-8
<u>A.M. SONG LEADER</u>			<u>P.M. SONG LEADER(S)</u>
·Jerry Baker			· Darrell Allen

FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	72	88	76	100
A.M. Worship	120	132	138	150
P.M. Worship	68	59	69	80
Wed. Class	65	61	69	85
Contribution	\$5100	\$4387	\$5208	\$5470

MISSIONS

Glen Tattersall – Australia
 Roland & Rose Moshen – France
 Gary & Nadya Workman – Ukraine
 Charlie & Mary DiPalma – Australia
 Oleg & Natasha Yakimenko – Russia
 Willie & Del Gley – Ghana/Togo, Africa
 David & Paula Tarbet – New Milford, CT
 Wil & Telanda Sadler – Military Missions
 Roy Conner – Brown Trail Preaching Student
 Wayne Jackson – Christian Courier on the Web
 Christ's Haven Children's Home – Keller, TX
 Foster's Home for Children – Stephenville, TX
 Ted Lingren – Sisophon Bible School – Cambodia
 Rohan & Sandra Jones – Cape Town, South Africa
 Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution
 Terry & Pam Laurence – Ft. Defiance, Arizona – Navajo
 Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

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